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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
Southern Division

GARY BRICE McBAY,

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Plaintiff,

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v.

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Civil Action No.

HARRISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI *

1:07CV1205-LG-RHW

BY AND THROUGH ITS BOARD OF *

SUPERVISORS, et al., *

Defendants. *

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VIDEO-RECORDED DEPOSITION OF

MORGAN THOMPSON

August 14, 2009

11:48 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Hopewell, Virginia

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1 Q All right. And then that's when you had
2 problems and what happened -- you say one thing, the
3 report says another thing. Whatever happened, happened
4 in the shower.

5 A Uh-huh.

6 Q Outside of the camera.

7 A I was punched. Right.

8 Q Yeah.

9 A On the left side of the head.

10 Q And Brice was punched by you.

11 A After punching me twice. Yes.

12 Q And how many times did you punch him?

13 A Probably two or three times.

14 Q And then you brought him out of the
15 shower --

16 A Yes, sir.

17 Q -- after you punched him?

18 A Yes, sir.

19 Q And what did you do with him at that point?

20 A Put him in a holding cell.

21 Q Okay. Now, you would wear a hat while you
22 were on duty at times, wouldn't you?

23 A Yes, sir.

24 Q All right. What is the significance, for
25 you, when you have your hat on forward or when you turn

1 Q Without cameras.

2 A Yes, sir.

3 Q You hit Brice in the face. You admit that.

4 A Yes, sir.

5 Q You got teased by a lot of the other
6 booking officers about hitting inmates in the face;
7 didn't you?

8 A Yes, sir.

9 Q All right. The whole red light/green light
10 thing?

11 A Yes, sir.

12 Q Tell us about that.

13 A Simple. They would say red light's the
14 face, green light at the motor points. And they said I
15 always went on the red light. And McBay was a big
16 reason for that.

17 Q And the booking officers teased you because
18 of -- well, we've already covered that. You got teased
19 for hitting inmates in the face.

20 A Because I gave him a black eye.

21 Q And red light means anything that clothes
22 can cover, that you can't see. No. Wait. I think I
23 got that backwards.

24 Red light is when you hit them in the face
25 and it leaves a mark people can see; is that right?

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1 A We were doing 10- to 12-hour shifts.

2 Q How many days a week?

3 A Any where from five to six days a week.

4 Q And if you were adequately staffed, how
5 many hours would you be working?

6 A Probably 40, 45 hours a week.

7 MR. BRENDDEL: That's all the questions I
8 have.

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10 FURTHER EXAMINATION

11 BY MR. BUCHANAN:

12 Q Just a couple of follow-ups.

13 You said you took him into the shower, you
14 turned away. And when you turned away, he hit you, and
15 that surprised you.

16 A Yeah.

17 Q All right. And then hit you again?

18 A Uh-huh.

19 MR. BRENDDEL: You have to say yes or no.

20 THE WITNESS: Yes, yes. I'm sorry.

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22 BY MR. BUCHANAN:

23 Q And then you had no choice, once he hit you
24 again, but to hit him with a closed fist to the face.

25 A Yes, sir.